

June 30, 1999

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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Re: GTE Communications Corporation
Amended IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan

Dear Mr. Waddell,

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As requested by Mr. Carsie Mundy, I am enclosing an original and thirteen copies of GTE Communications Corporation Amended IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan for approval by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

Please be advised that GTE Communications is a pure reseller and, as such, is only able to offer intraLATA toll dialing parity as the underlying ILEC allows it.

Please address all future requests to my attention at 6665 North MacArthur Boulevard, Mail Code HK02D84, Irving, Texas 75039. Do not hesitate to contact me at (972) 465-4424 or by fax at 972-465-5047 should you have any questions or require additional information.

I apologize for the delay in filing GTE Communications' Amended Plan and hope it has not caused the Commission undue inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Patricia Heise de Barros
Manager - Regulatory Client Support

Enclosures.

**Amended
IntraLATA Toll
Dialing Parity
Plan**

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GTE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

AMENDED INTRALATA TOLL DIALING PARITY PLAN

1. Introduction

GTE Communications Corporation ("GTECC") hereby files its IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity Plan (the "Plan") in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission Order released on March 23, 1999, in Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Pacific Bell, and Nevada Bell for Expedited Declaratory Ruling on Interstate IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity or, in the alternative, various other Relief, CC Docket No. 96-098. This Plan sets forth GTECC's proposal for providing intraLATA toll dialing parity within the state of Tennessee for customers subscribing to GTECC services.

2. Methodology

GTECC will provide full intraLATA toll and interLATA (two PICs) dialing parity, allowing GTECC customers to presubscribe to one carrier for all inter LATA calls and to the same or another carrier for all intraLATA toll calls. One interLATA interexchange carrier and one intraLATA interexchange carrier may be selected for each trunk.

3. Availability

Because GTECC is a reseller of local exchange services throughout the state of Tennessee, GTECC will offer intraLATA toll dialing parity in all exchanges where its underlying incumbent local exchange company offers intraLATA toll dialing parity. Currently GTECC has subscribers in BellSouth franchise areas only (see Exhibit A for BellSouth Exchanges).

4. Proposed Implementation Schedule

GTECC will implement dialing parity no later than thirty days after the date this Plan is approved, wherever intraLATA toll dialing parity is made available by the ILEC from whom GTECC purchases local exchange services for resale.

5. Subscriber Practices

Within thirty days' of receipt of notice from local exchange carriers of availability of intraLATA toll dialing parity, GTECC will provide notice to its subscribers of the forthcoming availability of intraLATA toll dialing parity by means of a one-time mailing, a sample of which is attached as Exhibit B. Following is the scheduled notice dates for the respective ILEC territories:

<u>ILEC</u>	<u>Scheduled Date of GTECC Notice to Its Subscribers</u>
BellSouth Territory	--- 1, 1999

Because GTECC is a reseller, it will not receive an Access Service Request ("ASR") directly; GTECC will receive notice of availability of intraLATA toll dialing parity from the underlying ILEC provider.

Currently, GTECC is the intraLATA toll provider for its existing customers. Customers will remain with GTECC until they affirmatively choose an intraLATA toll carrier. Customers may make this selection through their own initiative. Customers may communicate their choice of carriers directly to GTECC, as their local exchange carrier, through the Customer Service Center or indirectly through their selected carriers.

GTECC will inform new GTECC local service customers of the dialing parity feature and, upon request, will read to customers a random selection of carriers available to them in their geographic area. If the new customer does not indicate a preference for an alternate carrier, no intraLATA toll carrier will be assigned and the customer will have to dial an access code to make intraLATA toll calls until such time as the customer chooses a particular carrier.

GTECC will utilize competitively neutral business office practices when an existing GTECC customer contacts GTECC to request information on dialing parity or to change to an alternate intraLATA toll carrier. Unless an existing GTECC subscriber requests a change to their presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier, any intraLATA toll traffic will continue to be presubscribed to GTECC.

GTECC will accept customer initiated or carrier initiated requests for alternate intraLATA toll carriers on the date of implementation. If all necessary access facilities of the underlying ILEC already exist, the presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier selection will be processed within ten business days. Should the installation by the underlying ILEC of new access facilities be required, the intraLATA toll carrier selection will be completed within ten business days of the ILEC's new facilities being fully provisioned and operational.

Customers will be assessed a PIC change charge per GTECC's tariff for changing their intraLATA carrier. When customers request a change in their interLATA and intraLATA carriers during one contact with Customer Service and choose the same carrier for both jurisdictions, only one charge will be assessed. When customers request a change in their

interLATA and intraLATA carriers during one contact with Customer Service and choose different carriers for each jurisdiction, two charges will be assessed.

For a waiver period from the date of approval of this Plan through September 30, 1999, customers will not be assessed an intraLATA PIC change charge for their initial intraLATA toll carrier choice.

6. Carrier Practices

Any interexchange carrier that wishes to be listed as a provider of intraLATA toll service at the time of dialing parity implementation shall notify GTECC no later than thirty days prior to dialing parity availability. Interexchange carriers that wish to offer intraLATA toll service to GTECC local customers must establish direct interconnection of its network with the network of the underlying ILEC whose local exchange services GTECC resells.

7. Non-discriminatory Access to Telephone Numbers, Operator Services, Directory Assistance and Directory Listings

Customers will continue to have non-discriminatory access to telephone numbers and directory listings through GTECC as their local exchange carrier. Access to Operator Services and Directory Assistance will continue to be available through the customer's local exchange carrier or interLATA carrier. No industry standard has been established for access to Operator Services and Directory Assistance unique to the intraLATA carrier. For Operator Services, customer dials "0" to reach their local exchange operator and "00" to reach their interLATA operator. For Directory Assistance, customers dial "1-411" to access the local exchange Directory Assistance and "1-NPA-555-1212" to access their interLATA carrier's Directory Assistance.

The local and interLATA Operator Services and Directory Assistance may be branded by the local and interLATA carriers, as appropriate, based on the dialing pattern of the end user. Since no unique intraLATA dialing pattern currently exists in the industry, GTECC is not capable of identifying intraLATA calls to GTECC's local or the IXC's interLATA operators or directory assistance representatives. As such, this procedure is considered in compliance with FCC Order No. 96-333, Rule 51-217(d).

8. Cost Recovery

GTECC has chosen not to recover the incremental costs necessary for the implementation of toll dialing parity.

9. Anti-Slamming Procedures

GTECC has very high ethical standards and guidelines and does not condone any unauthorized changes in a customer's service by its own employees, its contracted

vendors or their employees. GTECC verifies a customer's request to change their preferred carrier to GTECC by asking the customer to sign a Letter of Agency or using a qualified third party verifier to obtain the subscriber's oral authorization prior to submitting a preferred carrier change.

Customers may call GTECC via a toll free number, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with any questions or complaints or to report a potential slam.

10. Compliance with FCC and TRA Rules

GTECC will comply with all rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

EXHIBIT A

GTECC COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
IntraLATA Toll Dialing Parity

EXCHANGES

All BellSouth exchanges in Tennessee

SAMPLE NOTICE

Date

Dear Customer,

In accordance with the FCC Order issued under CC Docket No. 96-98 of March 23, 1999, mandating that all local telephone companies open their markets to competition, customers may now select who carries their intraLATA (referred to as local toll or local long distance) calls.

Due to the nature of the GTE Communications bundled service offering, we do not expect this will affect you. However, GTE Communications does offer stand-alone local services. If you wish to subscribe to an intraLATA toll carrier other than GTE Communications, please contact our Customer Service Representative at 1-888-483-4504 on or after [insert implementation date] for terms and conditions. You should also contact the intraLATA toll carrier you have chosen to ensure your account is properly established.

Thank you for choosing GTE Communications as your full service telecommunications provider. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service at 1-888-483-4504.

Sincerely,

GTE Communications Corporation